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2. Alphabetical Designators In connection with information contained herein,
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referred to in this report by the following alphabetical designators:

- A. Berth
- B. Pilot aboard
- C. ship
- D. ship
- E. Area
- F. Area
- G. Bridge removed
- H. Polish naval facility
- I. Doctor departed
- J. Gate
- K. Area
- L. Area
- M. Area not in use
- N. Czech trade area
- O. Warehouses
- P. Soviet naval facility
- Q. Castle-theatre-museum

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3. Berth: the grain elevator, berth 48, designator A.

the 55 thousand
metric ton capacity granary was constructed by the Germans in the early
1920s and it is essentially the same today. Water was available
 from a hydrant. No electricity or steam was avail-
able.

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4. Channel The deepest depth of the channel between Swinemunde and Stettin was 26' and the draft of source's vessel was 24'10".

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5. Merchant Ships [redacted] subject harbor was not very busy. [redacted] saw three or four Polish ships of approximately 4500 tons deadweight each. At designator C a [redacted] ship of six thousand tons deadweight was berthed.

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[redacted] many East German barges were waiting north of berth 48 for a tug. Photos #2 and 3, [redacted] show some of the many river barges in subject port. Photo #2 shows the area designated E. Most of the barges in photo #2 were flying the flag of Czechoslovakia, [redacted] Photo #3 shows the area designated F. A river barge is shown in the center of the photograph.

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6. Shipbuilding [redacted] three freighters of approximately four to five thousand tons deadweight under construction in the STOCZNIA SZCZECINSKA Shipyard. [redacted] the engines were already installed and [redacted] the ships would be completed in several months. [redacted] a Soviet ship which had been repaired departed the shipyard and another Soviet ship came to take its place. [redacted] only four or five cranes of three to five tons capacity in the shipyard. Photo #4 [see "on file" item] shows a shipyard at right center.

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7. Bridges [redacted] bridge #1, at designator G, no longer exists.

8. Radio Station UNCODED [redacted] in the vicinity of berth 48 was a radio station [redacted]

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9. Naval Facilities [redacted] a Polish naval facility at designator H, and [redacted] all the buildings in this area were of German construction. [redacted] observed more than 20 PT boats and minesweepers in the area. The PT boats were approximately 50' long, newly painted grey, and had one torpedo tube on each side. [redacted] these boats resembled old German PT boats. The minesweepers were also approximately 50' long.

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10. Miscellaneous

a. Approach UNCODED

[redacted] all the buoys in the Baltic under the care of East Germany and Poland were not accurately placed [redacted] The lights in the same area were not correct.

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(2) [] the guard towers located along the channel were no longer occupied. 25X1

Designator J was a gate through which it was necessary to pass to enter or leave berthing area. Gate was manned by civilians to whom it was necessary to display a pass. No taxis were allowed inside the gate. No surveillance boats were observed.

c. Harbor Photographs 4 and 5 [] show two harbor scenes. Photo 4 shows the area designated K [] The large building in left center is a castle-theatre-museum. A river barge is shown in left foreground. Photo 5 shows the area designated L. A Danish freighter is pictured in the center of the photo with cranes, warehouses, and smokestacks in the background. [] the area designated M was not in use. The area designated N was dedicated to Czechoslovakia and Czech trade, and, according to source, a very high fence surrounded the area. The old warehouses in the area were of pre-World War II construction. [] some warehouses in the area designated O. No vessels were observed in the area designated N. 25X1

d. Harbor Craft [] two tugs [] approximately 60' long, had 500 horsepower, and were painted black. [] they gave very good service. 25X1

e. Naval Facilities [] a Soviet naval facility at designator P. [] the Soviet flag flying at the station, but [] little activity there. A concrete wharf ran along the water's edge in front of the naval station. [] observed a few barracks [] of German construction. [] a small fort in the compound might be used by the Soviets. Everything, including the ruins, seemed to be the same as when World War II ended. [] observed only small craft [] identified as PT boats and minesweepers. Forty or 50 of this type craft were berthed in nests of four or five. 25X1

f. Shore Activities Photographs 6 and 7 show a castle-theatre-museum located at designator Q. [] there were many prostitutes in subject port and [] some of them were well educated. [] there were many cases of VD and "crabs" 25X1

between Stettin and Grosses Haff an iron furnace was located. [] the furnaces might be located near Merrenwiese. These two iron furnaces were in full operation. [] the Poles were anti-Communist. [] the people were freer than they used to be but were still cautious. All Poles [] were friendly and courteous. [] the Poles have cleaned up the ruins and were constructing some apartment dwellings. Photographs 8 and 9 show some ruins in subject port. 25X1

[] Comment [] (Number designations refer to paragraphs of this report.) 25X1

5. East German barges may arrive at Stettin via either the Oder-Spree Kanal or the Hohenzollern Kanal. From their location north of the grain elevator, and from traditional patterns of trade along the Oder, it is quite possible these barges may be carrying grain. Czech barges normally carry ore upstream to the Silesian complex and coal downstream to Stettin, often for transshipment via ocean freighter. An unusual number of Czech barges at Stettin might indicate an extension and/or improvement of the upper navigation limit, which formerly extended only as far as Moravska Ostrava (10 miles beyond the border).

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6. Shipyard in photograph #4 is probably a portion of STOCZNIA REMONTOWA.

9. [redacted] Polish naval facility in Swinemunde is about 1500' downstream from designator H.

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Miscellaneous section e: Limits of Soviet naval base at designator P are considerably overestimated [redacted]

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